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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

W. De Laat, *et al.*

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the claims as follows:

Enclosed is the following Exhibit A:

Exhibit A: Marked-up Version of Amendments to the Claims.